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## GETTING READY FOR FIFA

Players on the Nepean Hotspurs soccer team stand on stage with retired player Nozomi Yamago of Japan, current FIFA World Cup winner, as she holds the trophy at City Hall in Ottawa on Wednesday. The trophy will be on display for fans to see on Friday and Saturday before it heads to Montreal as it makes its way across the country. More coverage, page 5. JOE LOFARO/METRO

# Tories attacking public servants: May

**POLITICS**  
**Green Party leader says morale low in civil service**



Lucy Scholey  
Metro | Ottawa

Public servants and unions are facing "attacks" and "disrespect" from the federal government due to cutbacks and a squeezed work-

place, according to the leader of the federal Green Party. Elizabeth May said there's "no longer a professional, respected civil service," rather one that is becoming increasingly politicized by the government. "It has created an unhealthy, low morale," said May on Wednesday, before speaking to the Professional Institute of the Public Service of Canada. "Restoring respect for Parliament, restoring respect for a non-partisan public professional civil service must be an election issue because they are

both aspects of the cancerous growth and the power of the Prime Minister's Office." According to the Treasury Board of Canada, there were 107,247 civil servants in the National Capital Region in 2014 — not including those who work for five separate agencies, such as the National Capital Commission. Countrywide, 257,138 Canadians were employed with the Federal Public Service in 2014. A recent Parliamentary Budget Office (PBO) report on the government expenditure plan says there were 26,000 positions axed

from the public service between March 2010 and March 2014. Over the past two years, the National Capital Region did not bear the brunt of the cuts. An earlier PBO report — on supplementary estimates — says two-thirds of the job losses were outside the area. The National Capital Region is now home to 42 per cent of the country's



Elizabeth May

federal service positions. Aaron Wudrick, federal director of the Canadian Taxpayers Federation, called May's assessment unfair and hyperbolic. "The government has a duty to look out for the interests of all taxpayers, not simply public servants," he said. "It's not simply a matter of walking up to the table, asking what unions

and public servants want and handing the money over. We think that the government needs to take a balanced approach on that and we think that they've been doing that." In an email to Metro, Heather Domerecky, the press secretary to Treasury Board of Canada President Tony Clement, said the minister has the "utmost respect" for civil servants. "Minister Clement has been very clear: He is committed to having good faith and meaningful negotiations with bargaining agents," Domerecky said.



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## Councillor dispels jinx after big Senators win

### SUPERSTITION

**Fans blamed Rick Chiarelli for ending winning streak**



**Lucy Scholey**  
Metro | Ottawa

The jinx may be over.

And some angry Ottawa Senators fans may now be thanking Rick Chiarelli for knocking on wood to dispel the curse he may have cast on the team.

The Sens downed Detroit 2-1 in a shootout on Tuesday night — ending their three-game losing streak.

“I’m waiting for my letter from Hogwarts,” said Chiarelli, who represents the College Ward.

Clearly, he did not take the jinx as seriously as other Sens fans did.

“I’m not superstitious, but everyone was a lot more comfortable if I would become one, so I guess I had to do what they want,” he said.

So, the day before, he knocked on wood to cast away the unlucky spell some say he cast on the team by moving to



**Coun. Rick Chiarelli can laugh about the jinx now that it's over.** METRO FILE

open the Sens Mile on Elgin Street before the team officially clinched a playoff spot.

Leading up to Chiarelli's motion, the Sens were on a red-hot tear with Andrew (Hamburglar)

Hammond in net. But after his idea, the team lost its next three games.

Whether Sens fans found fun in the jinx or were out to unseat Chiarelli, the councillor had turned into a mini celebrity.

“When I was at the Sens game (on Sunday), there was a little line of people to get selfies with me,” he said.

There was also a petition to unseat the councillor at city hall, but that has since been scrapped.



**The Ottawa Senators' Mark Stone, right, celebrates his shootout winner over the Detroit Red Wings with Curtis Lazar, Tuesday. Ottawa won 2-1.** PAUL SANCYA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Senators are three points behind Boston with six games left before the playoffs.

Coincidentally, Chiarelli's cousin, Peter, is the general

manager of the Bruins.

“He puts out playoffs tickets before they’ve qualified and we’re the ones with the jinx?” he said, with a laugh.

“I thought mine was not quite as daring as his, but he got away with his.”

The Senators play Tampa Bay on Thursday.

### OPINIONS

## Are you still a believer?

We asked fans in Ottawa if they believe the Senators can still make the playoffs:



**I think they still have the chance. There's still a few games left and everything's possible, right?**

Jody Lacombe



**Yes. I think if they play like they had been, they've still got a chance. They've just got to smarten up.**

Cass Diotte



**Oh yeah, I do, especially if they play like last night, because last night was a key game and they played really well.**

Gavin MacNintch

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**The Ottawa Senators have six games left in the regular season. Boston has five.**

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# Canadian diplomat's son killed

## INVESTIGATION

### Source says son was killed in a Miami drug deal

One teenage son of a Miami-based Canadian diplomat was killed and a younger son is under arrest after they were involved in an alleged drug deal that turned into a gun battle, according to police records and the diplomat's ex-husband.

Germano Wabafiyebazu of Ottawa said Wednesday his 17-year-old son, Jean, was killed when he went into a house to buy marijuana, and that police arrested his 15-year-old son, Marc. Wabafiyebazu was formerly married to the boys' mother, Canadian consul general Roxanne Dube.

The Miami Police Department would not comment on the shootings. The Miami-Dade State Attorney's Office confirmed that another man, 19-year-old Anthony Rodriguez, was charged with second-degree murder and marijuana possession with in-



Police work at a crime scene on Monday involving the two teenage sons of Roxanne Dube, Canada's counsel general in Miami.

HECTOR GABINO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

tent to sell for his alleged role. The Rodriguez arrest report

says a second man was shot to death inside the house, but he

was not identified. Prosecutors also said Rodriguez was wound-

ed in the arm in the shootout. The police report also quotes

unidentified witnesses as saying Rodriguez brought two pounds of marijuana to the house and began to negotiate.

"During the negotiations, both deceased victims became involved in an exchange of gunfire," the report says. In addition, Marc Wabafiyebazu faces charges of threatening a police officer while in custody, according to a separate police report. The boy is alleged to have said "he was going to kill (a detective) and that he would shoot him in the head."

Germano Wabafiyebazu said his sons borrowed their mother's personal vehicle which has diplomatic licence plates, to drive to the house but told their mother they were just going for a drive. He said he was told that Marc rushed into the house after hearing a gunshot.

The father said his ex-wife told him the details of the incident, which happened Monday.

It was not clear Wednesday whether Marc Wabafiyebazu would be charged as a juvenile or an adult. Authorities say he would not be protected by diplomatic immunity.

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## IN BRIEF

### Ottawa man seriously hurt after group attack on Rideau Street

An Ottawa man is in hospital with serious injuries after police say he was attacked by a group of people Tuesday evening on Rideau Street near Dalhousie Street.

Investigators have not yet spoken to the victim and are seeking more details to determine what might have led to the incident. It is not yet known if the man knew his attackers.

Const. Marc Soucy said the man got into an altercation with the group before the attack.

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### Police focusing on school zone safety this month

Police in Ottawa and Gatineau are cracking down on school zone and cycling safety during the month of April.

The traffic enforcement project is part of the Safer Roads Ottawa Program, which aims to prevent or eliminate road deaths and serious injuries.

Ottawa police said from 2009 to 2013, there have been 29 collisions resulting in five injuries involving school buses or school zones. JOE LOFARO/METRO

## CRIME

### Police looking to ID suspects in robbery

Police in Ottawa are asking for the public's help in identifying two suspects involved in a robbery on Rideau Street last week.

According to police, two individuals arrived at the store in the 100 block of Rideau Street by cab on March 26.

One of the suspects entered the store and produced a handgun and demanded cash. When the clerk didn't respond, he struck him with the gun.

The suspect then fled the premises with some of the vic-

tim's personal property and jumped in the waiting taxicab.

Police are hoping the public can identify the two men.

Police say the main suspect is described as about five-foot-nine who was seen wearing a grey hoodie, grey jogging pants, black running shoes, white gloves and a white balaclava.

There is no description of the second man, who remained in the cab.

The store owner was treated for minor injuries. METRO



One of the robbery suspects. Police are looking for any information that will help them identify two suspects involved in a robbery on Rideau Street last week. HANDOUT



# FIFA-fever hits city ahead of World Cup

## SOCCER

### Legend joins young players for a game of foosball



**Joe Lofaro**  
Metro | Ottawa

The FIFA Women's World Cup fever officially started Wednesday and Ottawa soccer fans can be the first ones in Canada to get a glimpse of the trophy as it makes its way across the country on a 12-city tour.

For budding soccer players like Angela Van Veldhuizen, it was the chance of a lifetime to not only see the trophy in person, but also to rub shoulders with retired FIFA World Cup winner from Japan, Nozomi Yamago.

"This is incredible. It's so cool. And being able to see the Japanese player, that was also



**Kellie Leitch, Canadian Minister of Status of Women, and councillors Michael Qaqish, centre, and David Chernushenko play a quick game of foosball on Wednesday.** JOE LOFARO/METRO

really cool. I played foosball with her," said Van Veldhuizen, winger on the Nepean Hotspurs team, inside a fan experience tent at Ottawa City Hall.

It was the first time the

40-year-old Japanese soccer star had played foosball, according to 15-year-old Van Veldhuizen, but in less than a minute Yamago scored her first goal.



**The trophy is about memories. We want to have a great memory of this World Cup.**

Team Canada head coach John Herdman

Fans can also take a penalty shot at a moving robotic goalie in the tent and walk through the winner's tunnel for an interactive FIFA experience.

Fans can visit the tent on Friday and Saturday before it heads to the next stop in Montreal.

Flying in from Vancouver just for the launch Wednesday, Team Canada head coach John Herdman said the highly anticipated tournament will be the "best sporting event this country has ever seen."

The tournament starts on June 6 in Edmonton.

## HEALTH

### Bacteria found in NICU, hospital says

The Ottawa Hospital is reporting an increase in a bacteria in their Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU).

The common bacteria Methicillin Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus (MRSA) is mostly harmless but can pose a risk to those with weak immune systems like premature infants. MRSA can lead to an infection of the blood, lungs or skin, which is treatable, according to the release.

"We know that having a baby in the NICU is stressful and difficult and we appreciate parents' help in preventing the spread of infections," reads the release, which encourages visitors to use

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### Hospital taking proper precautions with infants

The hospital is monitoring the situation and reinforcing hand-washing protocols. Staff members who are treating infected babies are using precautions such as gloves and gowns to reduce the spread of the bacteria.

hand sanitizer and wash their hands frequently.

HALEY RITCHIE/METRO

## IN BRIEF

### Police encourage public to join them for a coffee break

Police in West Quebec are taking a coffee break — and are inviting you to join.

The MRC des Collies-de-l'Outaouais are hosting "Coffee with a cop," an activity inspired by the U.S. initiative, which is ongoing in 175 cities and towns south

of the border.

The idea is to let people meet their local police officers in a relaxed setting — and not through getting written up for speeding.

The first coffee with a cop session will be at the Alpen-gruss Restaurant in Wakefield on April 16 from 9 to 11 a.m.

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## EDUCATION

## Grad rates up for high schoolers

Ontario's high school graduation rate for 2014 was up to 84 per cent for students who take five years to complete the four-year curriculum, an increase of 16 percentage points in a decade.

The four-year graduation rate was 76 per cent, up 20 percentage points since 2004.

The Liberal government says it remains committed to reaching an 85 per cent graduation rate.

Premier Kathleen Wynne says an additional 163,000 students have graduated than would have if the government hadn't taken steps to help them complete high school. THE CANADIAN PRESS

## WELFARE

## Memos on computer fixes no help: Staff

Staff in Ontario's welfare and disability support offices say government memos on how to fix ongoing, "weekly" problems with a \$245-million computer system are causing even more headaches.

The front-line staff complaints are contained in an interim report, released Wednesday, on the problem-plagued rollout of the Social Assistance Management System. The Liberal government commissioned a review by PricewaterhouseCoopers, but the interim report draws no conclusions about the government's handling of the system that issues welfare and disability support payments.

The review, which comes with a nearly \$200,000 price tag, is to be released with a final report in a few weeks.

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# 'The word is getting out'

## AWARENESS

## About 100 people show up for autism rally on the Hill

**Haley Ritchie**  
Metro | Ottawa

A banner featuring 160 smiling faces of kids with autism looked out over a supportive crowd of parents, children and politicians Wednesday, during the third annual Autism on the Hill rally.

### + CARE

#### Wait-time headaches

Like other parents, Michelle Hutchinson has been frustrated by long wait times to receive the kind of specialized care her daughter needs to succeed.

"In the City of Ottawa,

wait times for services can be over a year long. That's a long time to wait for services that can make a huge difference between her needing care forever and her being independent," she said.

"It was fantastic to see so many people out here. It's our third year and the word is getting out," said Suzanne Jacobson, founder of the Ottawa-based or-

ganization QuickStart, which promotes early intervention for autism.

"I'm really encouraged with what I've seen over the past seven years and the way things are

moving forward," she said.

This year, around 100 showed up to hear speakers, including 21-year-old Nicolas Sicard, who shared his experience of living a full life with the disorder.

"He was once non-verbal," Jacobson said. "But look at how far he's come. He tells you that he has a happy life and that's what we want everybody to have. No matter if they're moderate, severe or high-functioning, they should have the same opportunities as every other person in Canada."

Autism has been making headlines lately across Canada, helped by events such as National Aut-

ism Awareness Month, which runs in April.

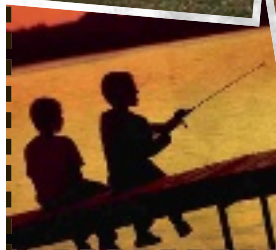
The effects of autism spectrum disorders vary, but they are generally defined as leading to an intellectual disability that inhibits social interaction and communication skills, according to the Autism Canada Foundation.

Michelle Hutchinson, a parent whose 1-1/2-year-old daughter was diagnosed with autism, said she found Sicard and the other speakers inspirational.

"I liked that there was someone who was autistic giving their perspective. It gives me a lot of hope for my daughter," she said.



The third annual Autism on the Hill rally drew both speakers and supporters on Wednesday, start of National Autism Awareness Month. ANDRZEJ TERRENCE/FOR METRO



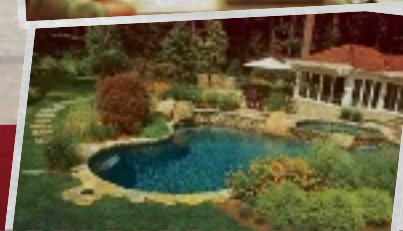
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Premier Kathleen Wynne said in December she had a "grave concern" the law would not make sex workers safer and asked that the attorney general review it. FRANK GUNN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Ontario to uphold prostitution law

## SEX WORKERS' RIGHTS

### Reasoning for decision will not be divulged: AG

Ontario will uphold Canada's new prostitution law after a review by the province's attorney general found it to be constitutional, Premier Kathleen Wynne said Wednesday.

Wynne issued a statement the day after the law came into effect in December, saying she had a "grave concern" that it would not make sex workers safer, and asked the attorney general to review the law and advise her on the constitutional validity.

The premier said Wednesday that the review found the law to be constitutional so Ontario will be taking no further action "at this point."

"We will uphold the law," the premier said. "We'll obviously monitor and determine the impact of the law, but there's no clear unconstitutionality in the law."

The sweeping new changes to the way prostitution is regulated in Canada follow a Supreme Court decision that found the old laws violated the rights of prostitutes.

Attorney General Madeleine Meilleur said her senior staff concluded that the new law answers concerns that the Supreme Court had about the previous law, but she would not divulge their reasoning.

"The legal opinion that was provided to me is privileged, so I'm not going to express every single detail that was in the legal opinion, but the importance to you is that it's constitutionally sound," she said.

A coalition of sex-trade workers and their supporters said Wednesday the new law,

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There are approximately 26 cases being prosecuted in Ontario under the new law.

which criminalizes paying for sex, communicating for sex or advertising sex services, is extremely similar to the old one, and called on Ontario to not enforce it.

"(We are) profoundly disappointed that the province appears to be turning its back on sex workers and Ontarian communities, despite Premier Wynne's own 'grave concerns' with the new sex work law," said the group that includes the Sex Professionals of Canada, the Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network and the sex-trade workers who launched the original court challenge. THE CANADIAN PRESS

## LGBTQ RIGHTS

### Wynne courting businesses opposed to new Indiana law

Premier Kathleen Wynne, who is openly gay, is urging businesses upset by a so-called religious objections law in Indiana to set up shop in her province.

The Indiana law, which takes effect July 1, does not specifically mention gays and lesbians, but critics say it is designed to protect businesses and individuals who do not want to serve gays and lesbians.

Wynne says it's completely

unacceptable that in the 21st century such a "discriminatory law" would be in place and would be used to divide people and create hostility.

The premier says she'll raise the controversial law with Indiana Gov. Mike Pence, if he attends this year's meeting of Great Lakes governors and premiers.

Wynne says Ontario does "a fair bit of trade" with Indiana, and while she didn't threaten

to curtail that business, she did urge companies looking for a more open, non-discriminatory jurisdiction to consider her province.

Gov. Mike Pence said Tuesday he stands by the law but acknowledged that Indiana has a "perception problem," and urged lawmakers and business leaders to address concerns that the bill would allow discrimination.

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**Suneeta Millington is hoping to bring attention to the historic buildings along Laurier Avenue East like All Saints Church, pictured in the background. It was the site of a royal wedding and has a memorial to former prime minister Sir Robert Borden.** **HALEY RITCHIE/METRO**

# Marking 'Prime Minister's Row'

## HERITAGE

### Resident pushing to get history acknowledged



**Haley Ritchie**  
Metro | Ottawa

You don't have to tour Parliament Hill to walk in the footsteps of Canada's founding fathers.

Laurier Street East might be the most historical place in all of Canada — but you'd never know that the giant mansions and converted apartments have been home to eight prime ministers, seven fathers of Confederation, and a First World War flying ace.

A group of Sandy Hill residents is proposing the street become a historical "Prime Minister's Row," complete with ceremonial arches along the

street and place markers at important buildings.

"We're walking in the same place as the builders of Canada," said organizer Suneeta Millington, who was inspired to promote the neglected history in the capital after a trip to Scotland.

"People walk by these places all the time with no idea. Our collective memory has been lost," she said.

Ideally the designated Prime Minister's Row pathway would attract both residents and tourists, stretching along Laurier Avenue from the edge of the University of Ottawa down through Strathcona Park to the Rideau River.

Millington and fellow Sandy Hill history junkies have been taking their proposal to the Department of Canadian Heritage and the National Capital Commission.

She said response has been good, with interest at all three levels of government, although there's no formal campaign or

## + TIMELINE

Suneeta Millington is hoping at least a few parts of the project can be realized before Canada's 150-year anniversary in 2017.

funding yet.

"There's a way of transforming the space that doesn't involve a billion dollars and it can be a kind of living museum," she said. "There's absolutely a way to do that in Canada."

Millington's house, built pre-Confederation, has an interesting story of its own — there's a cellar in the basement specially designed to keep pelts fresh during Ottawa's fur trading days.

The group's proposal makes a number of suggestions, including public art, new landscaping, digital history walks and even a historically inspired streetcar.

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## EASTER

# What's open this weekend

Heading out around town over the Easter weekend? Here's a rundown of what's open and closed.

Ottawa City Hall services are closed all day Good Friday, Sunday and Monday, but the building is open for visitors to view the three art galleries and check out the FIFA Women's World Cup Trophy on display until Saturday.

OC Transpo will run on a Sunday schedule both Friday

and Monday.

Ottawa public health clinics and dental services are closed on Good Friday.

All Ottawa public libraries are closed both Friday and Sunday.

City childcare services are closed on Good Friday.

The Metro grocery store is closed Good Friday, open Saturday, closed Sunday and open with regular hours on Monday.

The Lansdowne Park Whole Foods is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday and Monday.

Most malls are closed on Good Friday and Sunday, but the ByWard Market is on.

Get your booze Thursday night, as all LCBO and Beer Stores will close on Good Friday and Sunday, but are open with modified hours on Monday.

METRO

## CORRECTION

In Wednesday's Metro Ottawa, the Page 3 story "Hitting a glass wall" incorrectly stated that volunteers had recorded 336 bird deaths; the correct number is 386, according to organizer Anouk Hoedeman.

In addition, the statistic that collisions kill up to a billion birds a year is for North America, not just Canada.



## West Ottawa Gets New Relay for Life

The Canadian Cancer Society is making some bold changes to its Relay for Life event in Kanata. To help welcome more families, the event on Friday, June 19, 2015 at Walter Baker Park will feature a shorter event duration, running from 6:00pm to 12:00am on Friday evening. Participants can join the event as individuals, or as part of a team of friends, relatives or coworkers.

"This year's new format will still encompass all of the amazing aspects that people love about Relay but will be packed into a six-hour event," says Jen Kwiatkowski, Fundraising Coordinator of the Canadian Cancer Society's Ottawa community office. "We are excited to evolve and strengthen our signature fundraiser in order to raise more funds for research and to support our local cancer patients," she adds.

Regular physical activity helps protect against cancer. It's also one of the best ways

to stay at a healthy body weight, which reduces a person's risk of cancer. It is for these reasons that the Society is reintroducing Relay batons to the event and encouraging Relay for Life participants to set a distance goal for the event (e.g. one to 10 KM, ½ or full Marathon) on an individual or team basis. To help event participants meet or exceed a fundraising goal of \$350 the Society will also provide motivational participant coaching to all registrants.

2015 marks the 16th anniversary for Relay for Life in Ontario. In the last 15 years, local residents have fought back against cancer at Relay for Life in Ottawa to fund life-saving research, support services for local patients and other important work that means fewer Canadians will be touched by the disease. This inspiring amount of money and great work could not have been accomplished without the support of generous event participants, donors, volunteers and sponsors.

Register today at [relayforlife.ca/ottawa](http://relayforlife.ca/ottawa)  
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Actress Marlee Matlin, who is deaf, signs "I love you" for the crowd at We Day. NICHOLAS HODGE/FOR METRO

## Thousands celebrate We Day

## ACTIVISM

**1,600 youth learn to make a difference at charity's event**

**Nicholas Hodge**  
For Metro | Ottawa

More than 16,000 young volunteers and activists were rewarded with a day of live music and motivational speaking at the Canadian Tire Centre during We Day on Wednesday.

We Day is an event focused on youth empowerment that was started by the charity organization Free the Children. Youth earn their ticket by taking part in at least one local and one global action, dealing with an issue about which they feel strongly.

While a large portion of the day is focused on education, the kids remained engaged and treated it like a concert. They shouted as loudly for motivational speakers such as double-amputee Spencer West as they did for rock band Neverest and rapper Kardinal Offishall.

According to Academy Award-winning actress Marlee Matlin, philanthropy doesn't have to be about giving away money. It can also be about

donating time or energy, something the youth at We Day had a lot of.

"It's not all about the money, it's about giving and being kind," said Matlin. "I know that it might be easy to say, but it's just as easy to do."

Matlin received a standing ovation for her presentation about following her dreams of being an actor when many tried to tell her she could never make it because she is deaf.

Other guests included rocket scientist Natalie Panek, Ottawa Senators players, Bruce Heyman, the United States Ambassador to Canada, and David Johnston, the Governor General of Canada.

Johnston honoured 20 Canadian students who have made a difference with their activism. This included 12-year-old Tyler Olinik, who raised over \$1,000 with his friends for clean water projects overseas.

"I got to meet Craig Kielburger today and that was really cool," said Olinik.

"He was saying 'You guys are doing a really good thing' and 'Keep doing what you're doing.'"



**It's about giving and being kind.**

Actress Marlee Matlin



# Kanye's got talent, and it eclipses his Parliament Hill-sized ego



Kanye West, shown here performing in a concert south of the border, is headlining this summer's Ottawa Bluesfest — and not everyone is thrilled over the news. GETTY IMAGES

## BACKSTAGE PASS

**Back off on this year's Bluesfest headliner, says new columnist**



**Trevor Greenway**  
Metro | Ottawa

Why is everybody so offended that Ottawa Bluesfest booked arguably the biggest name in music today?

We should all be singing.

But judging by the reaction to Kanye West being announced to headline Ottawa Bluesfest — an online Facebook page and petition to ban him from playing — Ottawa music fans clearly just don't get it.

OK, sure, Kanye does have an ego the size of Parliament Hill and yeah, he's not the most respectful guy when it comes to awards ceremonies but, if we all focused only on celebrity antics, there wouldn't be that much art to enjoy.

Let's face it: Kanye is not the only egotistical maniac in the music business today. Take a look at Noel Gallagher's classy career.

The former lead singer of Oasis once said that his band is "bigger and better than the Beatles."

He has attacked photographers, gone on booze-fuelled rages that have landed him in jail and he also called the Kaiser Chiefs "wankers."

But I highly doubt for a second that there would be such a petition to ban Oasis

if Bluesfest booked that group for the summer festival.

What about Queens of the Stone Age? Lead singer Josh Homme is one of the biggest jerks in music. I once witnessed him stop a show to call out some dude in the crowd who was wearing a "gay shirt."

He's also threatened to beat up any fan who looked at him the wrong way. But when Queens of the Stone Age played Bluesfest last year, there wasn't a peep of a protest. The show was packed and it was damned good.

stabbed a fan to death after he allegedly drew a revolver.

Should we petition to ban the Stones from playing Ottawa, too?

Even if you don't like rap, you will enjoy a Kanye West show. He's a true performer who pushes the envelope way farther than it should ever be bent. He's a musical genius and has 21 Grammy awards to prove it.

It's time to put aside his ego and focus on his art, which is unique, original, thoughtful and quite weird. That's what art is.



**OK, sure, Kanye does have an ego the size of Parliament Hill and yeah, he's not the most respectful guy when it comes to awards ceremonies, but if we all only focused on celebrity antics, there wouldn't be that much art to enjoy.**

Trevor Greenway, our new Backstage Pass columnist

A lot of naysayers have been calling for the Kanye slot to be cancelled to bring in a "relevant band."

I'm sorry, but if you think Kanye West is not relevant, you've got some serious homework to do.

Some are calling for a band such as Foo Fighters or the Rolling Stones to come and play. Well, are you aware that the Rolling Stones once hired the Hell's Angels to do security at a free show in California?

The bikers were eating LSD by the handfuls before one

Kanye is a force to be reckoned with and those who are brave enough to check him out will forever remember this concert.

Diamonds up.

## + IDEAS

### Got any?

Trevor Greenway is Metro Ottawa's new Backstage Pass columnist. If you have any ideas to pitch him, fire him an email at [beatscience@hotmail.com](mailto:beatscience@hotmail.com).

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## IN BRIEF

**Quebec to continue to support Badawi despite ambassador's criticism**

Saudi Arabia's ambassador to Canada is telling Quebec politicians his government won't accept meddling in its internal affairs in response to the case of a jailed blogger.

The ambassador sent a letter addressed to the Speaker of the national assembly regarding Raif Badawi, saying his government expresses "its strong surprise and dismay" at what is being said and written about the case.

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**Fahmy shocked at Ottawa's refusal to issue passport**

A Canadian journalist on trial in Egypt on widely denounced terror charges expressed shock and anger Wednesday over Ottawa's refusal to issue him a passport while he awaits the outcome of his case.

Mohamed Fahmy, who spent more than a year in a Cairo prison, has been trying to acquire a new passport ever since being released on bail in February.

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# Tory senator displeased with expense audit process



**Senator Nancy Ruth speaks at a news conference in Ottawa on Dec. 16, 2010. Ruth is miffed that she's being asked to justify claiming a meal expense while travelling when she could have eaten a free airline breakfast.** SEAN KILPATRICK / THE CANADIAN PRESS

## POLITICS

## Questions not about 'Senate business,' Nancy Ruth says

Conservative Sen. Nancy Ruth appears to have little faith in the ability of the auditor general to figure out whether she and her colleagues were inappropriately billing taxpayers for expenses.

"Most of their questions were not very sophisticated, nor do they really have anything to do with Senate business," she told reporters Wednesday morning about her experience having employees for the federal watchdog comb through her travel expense claims as part of a large-scale forensic investigation into Senate reimbursements.

"There are a couple of times when my assistant put in for a breakfast when I was on a plane and they say I should not claim

because I should have eaten that breakfast. Well, those (free) breakfasts are pretty awful. If you want ice-cold Camembert with broken crackers ..." Nancy Ruth said.

"I just don't think they understand anything of what it's like to fly around the world to get here. They just don't know," she said.

The Conservative senator for Ontario was responding to a report by CTV News Tuesday night that dozens of senators have received letters from the Office of the Auditor General asking them to account for questionable claims.

A sourced confirmed to Torstar News Service on Wednesday that at least 44 senators have received such letters and that one of them is former Liberal senator Rose-Marie Losier-Cool, who was asked to explain some \$100,000 in claims.

CTV News also said at least one senator has already paid back a claim flagged by auditors.

NDP MP Charlie Angus, the ethics critic for his party, dismissed the notion that the auditor general is being too strict by questioning senators over why they claimed per-diems for meals they could have eaten free on airplanes as well as at receptions and other Senate-related gatherings.

"I think what Canadians are smart enough to know is here is a bunch of whiny senators trying to deflect attention from the fact that they have had no oversight, no accountability, so they are trying to pretend that this huge number that has been racked up is because they had some sandwiches at meetings. I don't buy that," Angus said Wednesday.

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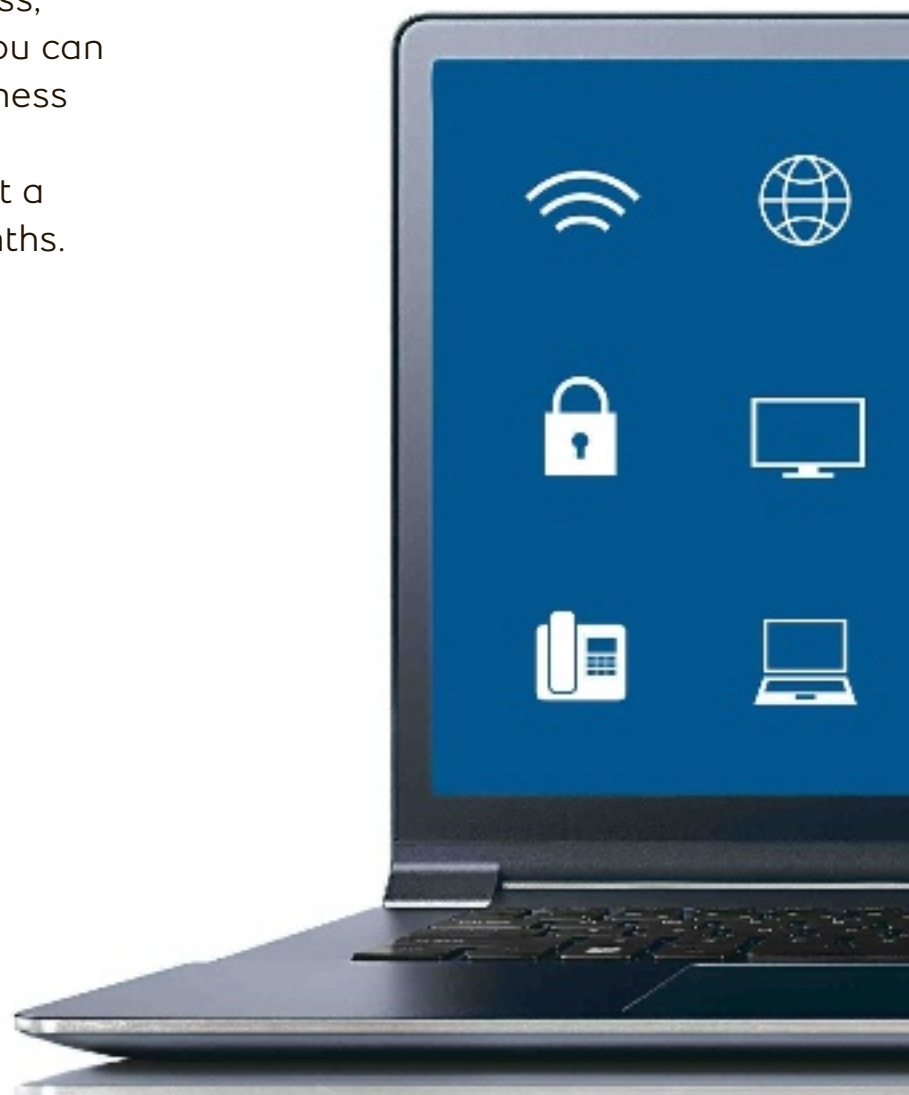
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# 'It's Canadian first'

## JOBS

## Clock runs out for thousands of temporary foreign workers

Mario Reyes choked back tears on Wednesday while discussing his last-ditch attempt to remain in Canada as the clock ran out for thousands of temporary foreign workers like him whose work permits have expired.

Reyes, who came to Canada from the Philippines seven years ago, has been working at a Minit Lube franchise in Red Deer, Alta., as a temporary foreign worker. He's now facing the reality that he will soon have to return home.

"When I was in the Philippines, life was really hard for me, but when I got a chance to work here everything changed," said Reyes at his lawyer's office in Calgary.

"I was able to send my kids to school because life in the Philippines is hard. If I go back to the Philippines, my girls cannot finish their studies and it's going to break their hearts."

Reyes turns 48 later this month. His application for permanent residency, filed last November, has been rejected and his hopes of eventually becoming a Canadian citizen are in jeopardy.

"It's Canadian first; I understand," said Reyes. "It's Canadian first, but I deserve to stay. I pay my taxes, I work hard. I do not break the law. I deserve to be a Canadian or at least a permanent resident."

In 2011, the Conservative government set April 1, 2015, as the deadline for temporary foreign workers in low-skilled jobs to either become permanent residents or return home.

In Alberta alone, 10,000 temporary foreign workers have applied to stay in Canada.



Lawyer Peter Wong, left, discusses the case of Mario Reyes, right, a temporary foreign worker living in Red Deer, Alta., Wednesday in Calgary. Reyes' work permit has expired and he is faced with returning to his native Philippines. MIKE RIDEWOOD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Immigration Canada hasn't divulged the total number of workers who now must leave, but immigration and labour market experts have estimated tens of thousands are affected.

Peter Wong, Reyes' lawyer, said he represents more than 30 workers in similar circumstances.

Wong is trying to buy them some time in the hope that government officials will issue what he calls a "rare exception."

"There are lots of what I would call very desperate attempts to remain in Canada after that April 1 deadline," Wong said. "Some will work. The vast majority will not and that's the sad reality."

Vanessa Routley, a Toronto immigration lawyer, was critical of the deadline, saying it unfairly



**I deserve to stay. I pay my taxes, I work hard, I do not break the law. I deserve to be a Canadian or at least a permanent resident.**

Mario Reyes has lived and worked in Canada under the Temporary Foreign Workers program for seven years.

targets the lowest-paid and lowest-skilled, leaving executives and engineers unaffected.

"Rather than offering these hard workers a pathway to permanent residence where they could continue the low-skilled jobs nobody else wants, the Canadian public has been sold a line that exchanging one legion of temporary workers for another every four years is

a solution."

In Ottawa, Employment Minister Pierre Poilievre defended the government's position.

"Our policy is that Canadians should come first for Canadian jobs," Poilievre told reporters.

"The April 1st deadline has been known for a very long time and the purpose of the program is for it to be temporary. That's why they're called temporary

## + CITIZENSHIP

Several organizations, including the Canadian Federation of Independent Business and the Alberta Federation of Labour, have called for an easier path to permanent residence and eventually citizenship for temporary foreign workers, especially those employed in provinces with labour shortages.

foreign workers."

Businesses should raise wages and hire Canadians if they're struggling to fill positions, he added. THE CANADIAN PRESS

## CRIME

## Human-smuggling ring nixed by RCMP

As many as 500 Asian women were allegedly smuggled into the country to take part in a Canada-wide prostitution ring the RCMP says it has dismantled.

Federal authorities announced Wednesday they'd struck against two major cells of the network in the last five days and arrested six people in the greater Montreal and Toronto areas.

The accused are allegedly part of an Asian-based organized crime ring that operated bawdy houses in Halifax, Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto, Winnipeg, Calgary, Edmonton and Vancouver.

They face a host of charges including procuring minors, advertising sexual services and gaining a material benefit from sexual services.

Police say the alleged victims, mainly from Korea and China, received assistance from a criminal organization to enter the country either illegally through land crossings or with student and visitors visas obtained under false pretences. They were then controlled and exploited by the prostitution ring and would be put to work across the country, said RCMP Const. Ériq Gasse.

The RCMP hasn't been able to pinpoint an exact number of victims, but said there could be as many as 500.

The contents of computers and cellphones confiscated during 16 police seizures may shed light on a list of clients.

Two alleged ringleaders were arrested and flown to Montreal from Toronto on Wednesday and are to appear in court Thursday. Four others from the Montreal area appeared in court earlier this week. Two people remain on the lam — a 34-year-old man from Toronto and a 20-year-old woman from Montreal.

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Sheila Pott with a portrait of her daughter Audrie in Los Altos, Calif. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Trial focuses on U.S. online bullying

CALIFORNIA

## Opening statements expected to start next week

A 15-year-old girl committed suicide a week after three classmates photographed themselves sexually assaulting her at a 2012 party, petrified the boys would circulate the photos online and believing gossip about her was spreading widely.

Audrie Pott's story has captivated those concerned with teen bullying, which appears to be on the rise with the help of smartphones and social media but rarely ends in suicide.

A wrongful death trial this month in San Jose, Calif., will determine whether bullying played a role in the girl's death. Lawyers were to argue Wednesday over what evidence the jury will hear, while opening statements are expected to start next week.

The three boys, now high school seniors, and other teens are expected to deliver uncomfortable and emotional testimony about events leading up to Audrie's death, including the party where Audrie was sexually assaulted after passing out drunk.

They are expected to describe life in an affluent suburb

“Depending on what the jury decides, the kids will look at this and see there may be consequences.”

Parry Aftab,  
digital privacy lawyer

of privilege, divorce and their attachment to smartphones and social media.

Parry Aftab, a digital privacy lawyer, said Audrie's death likely will be discussed at an international anti-bullying conference in Ireland in May that she's helping organize.

“Depending on what the jury decides, the kids will look at this and see there may be consequences,” Aftab said.

Audrie's parents say the assault and fear of online ridicule caused her death, and they have pursued a wrongful death lawsuit against the boys, their families and others for three years that will culminate with the trial. Her parents say they want to hold the boys responsible and call attention to bullying, social media shaming and teen suicide. One boy and his family recently apologized to the Pott family and settled their portion for an undisclosed amount. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## IN BRIEF

### Egypt, Nigeria led world in 2014 death sentences

Egypt and Nigeria accounted for more than 1,000 of the death sentences announced last year, greater than a third of the world's total, Amnesty International says in its latest annual report on the death penalty. The human rights group expressed alarm at the 28 per cent jump in death sentences: 2,466 people in 55

countries were condemned to death in 2014.

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### Buhari wins in Nigeria

Nigerians celebrated Muhammadu Buhari's victory in presidential elections Wednesday but sobering challenges confront their new leader, from an Islamic uprising to widespread poverty and graft. Buhari, 72, made history

in Africa's most populous country as the first opposition candidate to win elections, defeating President Goodluck Jonathan. Buhari warned Boko Haram Islamic insurgents he'd be coming after them.

“No doubt this nation has suffered greatly in the recent past and its staying power has been challenged to its limits, chief among them the insurgency of

Boko Haram,” he said Wednesday at Abuja's international conference centre where he received a certificate of victory. “Boko Haram will soon know the strength of our will and commitment to rid this nation of terror ... we shall spare no effort until we defeat terrorism.” Boko Haram aims to establish a caliphate and make Nigeria an Islamic state.

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France recovers remains from Alps crash; families must wait to get them

Just over a week after a Germanwings plane crashed into the French Alps, investigators have finished retrieving human remains from the crash site and are now trying to match them with DNA profiles from the 150 people killed — an arduous task that could leave families waiting for months.

The extraordinary recovery process mobilized hundreds of people and cut a stony road into a forested Alpine mountainside to help the team bring back anything they found, from a body part to a tiny shred of skin. Not a single intact body was found.

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Emirates, Etihad Airways jetliners get too close

Jetliners from the United Arab Emirates’ two main airlines apparently got too close to each other over the Indian Ocean this week.

One of the carriers involved, Dubai-based Emirates, called it an “air traffic control incident” in a statement Wednesday. Neither it nor Abu Dhabi-based Etihad Airways would say how close the two planes came to each other.

Emirates says its flight EK709 was returning from the Indian Ocean island nation of Seychelles when the incident occurred Sunday in airspace controlled from Mumbai, India.

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**YEMEN SAUDI-LED AIRSTRIKES TARGET SHIITE REBELS ACROSS YEMEN; 35 WORKERS KILLED** A Houthi Shiite rebel carries his weapon as he joins others to protest against Saudi-led airstrikes, during a rally in Sanaa, Yemen, Wednesday. Saudi-led coalition warplanes bombed Shiite rebel positions in both north and south Yemen early Wednesday, setting off explosions and drawing return fire from anti-aircraft guns. HANI MOHAMMED/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Fire engulfs Mexican oil rig; 4 workers dead

OIL

## No evidence yet of major spill: Pemex

A massive ball of flames engulfed an oil platform in the Gulf of Mexico on Wednesday, killing four people and sending terrified workers jumping into the sea.

State-run oil company Petroleos Mexicanos, or Pemex, said there was no evidence yet of a major oil spill following the blast, which injured 16 work-

ers, two seriously, and forced the evacuation of 300.

Fleets of helicopters ferried workers with bandaged hands and faces, and burn marks on their overalls to the nearby city of Ciudad del Carmen, where crowds of concerned relatives of oil workers thronged outside hospitals.

A survivor of the blaze on the shallow-water Abkatun Permanente platform in the Campeche Sound said workers “jumped into the sea out of desperation and panic.”

“There was nothing you could do but run,” said Roger Arias

Sanchez, an employee of Pemex contractor Cotemar who escaped the burning platform in an evacuation boat.

Eight firefighting boats were trying to extinguish the fire, said Pemex. Mexico’s Energy Security Agency said the fire “is being extinguished.”

President Enrique Pena Nieto said the causes of the accident are under investigation.

Pena said he had issued orders “to carry out the appropriate investigations to find who ever is responsible, but above all, to avoid this type of accident in the future.”

On its Twitter account Wednesday afternoon, Pemex raised the death toll from one to four. Many of the injured appeared to be Cotemar employees.

Pemex’s media office said it was unclear whether any significant amount of oil had spilled from the Abkatun Permanente platform, which largely serves to separate gas, oil and other petroleum products, and pump them to refineries onshore.

Previous spills from Mexican facilities had usually occurred at active offshore wells, not processing stations such as Abkatun. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ISIL

## Iraq declares victory in Tikrit

The government declared victory in Tikrit on Wednesday over ISIL extremists, and it warned the militants holding other Iraqi provinces that they would be the next to fall.

Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi walked triumphantly along a street in Tikrit, carrying an Iraqi flag and surrounded by jubilant forces.

Across the border in Syria, however, ISIL fighters made their deep-forday yet into the capital of Damascus by infiltrating a Palestinian refugee camp, according to opposition activists and Palestinian officials.

Iraq’s victory over the extremists in Tikrit was seen as a key step toward eventually driving the militants out of Mosul, Iraq’s second-largest city and the capital of Nineveh province.

Defence Minister Khalid al-Obeidi announced the victory, saying security forces have “accomplished their mission” in the monthlong offensive to rid Saddam Hussein’s hometown and the broader Salahuddin province of the militant group.

“We have the pleasure, with all our pride, to announce the good news of a magnificent victory,” Obeidi said in a video statement, and he named the other Iraqi provinces still being held by ISIL militants.

“Here we come to you, Anbar! Here we come to you, Nineveh, and we say it with full resolution, confidence, and persistence,” he said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Seven-year-old California girl gets a 3D-printed arm for \$50

TECHNOLOGY

## Inexpensive choice ideal for growing youngsters

Seven-year-old Faith Lennox never thought much about putting a prosthetic limb where her left hand had once been — not until she learned she could design her own, strap it on easily and then jump on her bike and pedal away at speeds previously only imagined.

Faith firmly placed her new hand’s blue and pink fingers on her bike’s left handlebar and took off for a lengthy ride around the Build It Workspace in Los Alamitos, Calif., on Tuesday morning. Inside, just a short time before, that hand had rolled off a 3D printer that built it overnight.

“I don’t think we’ll ever get her off it,” said her mother, Nicole, smiling with resignation as she watched her daughter continue to circle the parking lot in the Orange County suburb.

The prosthetic represents a breakthrough in small, lightweight hands that are economical and easy for children to use. It weighs only a pound and costs just \$50 US to construct out of the same materials used to make drones and automobile parts.

When Faith outgrows it



**Faith Lennox forms a heart with her new 3D-printed hand at the Build it Workspace in Los Alamitos, Calif., on Tuesday. Her position during childbirth cut off the flow of blood to her left forearm, irreparably damaging tissue, muscle and bone.** DAMIAN DOVARGANES/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

in six months or a year, a replacement can be made just as cheaply and easily, said Mark Muller, a prosthetics professor at California State University, Dominguez Hills, who helped with the design. He said a heavier adult model with sensors attached to a

person’s muscles would run \$15,000 to \$20,000.

Faith manipulates her hand without sensors. Instead, as she happily demonstrated after the bike ride, she moves her upper arm back and forth. That in turn opens and closes its blue and pink fingers —

“my favourite colours,” she noted with a smile.

The oldest of three children, Faith had compartment syndrome when her position during childbirth cut off the flow of blood to her left forearm, irreparably damaging tissue, muscle and bone. After nine

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months of trying to save the limb, doctors determined they had to amputate just below the elbow.

She had tried a couple of more traditional — and more expensive — prosthetics over the years but found them bulky, heavy and hard to use.

Her parents were working with the non-profit group E-Nable to get her a 3D-printed hand, but the technology is so new there’s a waiting list, her mother said. Then she learned of what Build It Workspace could do from a friend whose son visited with his Scout troop.

Although the company, founded by mechanical engineer Mark Lengsfeld, has printed everything from pumps for oil-and-gas companies to parts for drones, this was the first hand Lengsfeld and his employees had built. So he used E-Nable’s open-source technology and called in Cal State, Dominguez Hills’ experts for guidance. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MUSIC

## Tidal woos artists to join firm

Tidal, the music and video streaming service co-owned by Jay Z, Rihanna, Madonna and other artists, is inviting more performers to join the company and earn equity.

Senior executive Vania Schlogel said late Tuesday that Tidal welcomes more acts. It introduced its new co-owners at a launch event on Monday. Co-owners including Beyonce, Daft Punk, Kanye West, Jack White, Alicia Keys, members of Arcade Fire and Jason Aldean attended the launch.

Artists who join the company would earn more money through the streaming service than through others that exist, Schlogel said.

A business controlled by Jay Z bought Tidal for \$56 million US in mid-March. The streaming service, which has 540,000 subscribers, provides music and video content that users can stream on computers, tablets and smartphones or listen to offline. Subscriptions begin at \$10 US. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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## ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

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### Faith is splintering, but it is not dying

It's Easter. So I'm going to take my day off on Friday and I'm going to church.

I probably won't see you there.

We all know statutory holidays like Easter and Christmas are only religious historically for many Canadians. Your weekend might be more about bunnies and chocolate and ham than celebrating our risen Lord. Correction: my risen Lord.

Religion has been on a downward trend in this country, but a new study shows that the picture is far more complicated than increasingly empty pews.

Faith is splintering, but it is not dying.

While subscriptions to major religions have fallen to 30 per cent from 45 per cent in 1985, the year I was born, we also now have a majority of Canadians straddling the middle ground between belief in a traditional faith and belief in nothing at all, according to an Angus Reid study released last week.

The 44 per cent of us who consider ourselves ambivalent about religion "consistently seem to be open not only to religious beliefs but to a range of other non-naturalist beliefs as well, such as psychic phenomena and astrology," the study found.

The finding suggests many of us believe we "cannot live by rationality alone." Which perhaps explains the two-thirds of us who the study

found believe in an afterlife and a supreme being.

The study also showed that immigration is boosting the ranks of many Christian and non-Christian religions.

There are one million Muslims, 500,000 Hindus, and 330,000 Jews in this country, plus about 25,500 Pagans, 1,000 Rastafarians and dozens of other small faith groups, according to Statistics Canada data from 2011.

Plus the 22 million who, like me, identify as Christian.

I bet even many of these believers, like me, have what I'd call the personalized approach. For example, I believe in God and that gay is good and the state has no place barring abortions.

Atheism might have had a pop-culture moment, but with only 48,675 of us identifying as atheist, it hasn't sunk our collective sense of faith.

And I don't think it can. There seems to be something innate in humans that drives us to see life as more than this one moment, in this one day. The world seems vaster and more glorious and even more meaningful than its parts.

Belief is not something that we have learned our way out of. We appear to crave faith — in something.

So I'll take my Easter long weekend. And my Jesus in a totally non-ironic way.

And the cute bunnies and chocolate.

Live and let believe.

# A lousy law

## THE KOHLER REPORT

Rebecca Kohler



Earlier this week, Indiana Gov. Mike Pence signed the Religious Freedom Restoration Act, which he says "ensures that Indiana law will respect religious freedom and apply the highest level of scrutiny to any state or local governmental action that infringes on people's religious liberty."

It sounds nice, like he's just signed a law that says everyone can go to church and not worry that the government might try to stop them.

This law is anything but nice. In layman's terms, this law says that business owners can choose not to serve customers that offend their religious beliefs. The example most commonly being

referenced is that a Christian business owner can refuse to serve members of the LGBTQ community because they somehow "infringe on their religious liberty."

I keep looking at the calendar to see if it really is 2015. I keep checking Google Maps to make sure Indiana is in the United States of America — Canada's close ally and neighbour. What is going on here? And why doesn't Pence have a tiny square moustache?

What makes this law particularly scary is that Indiana doesn't have any statewide anti-discrimination legislation when it comes to sexual orientation.

So theoretically, it meant that in certain Indiana cities, businesses would legally be allowed to put signs in their windows saying, "No Gays."

One can't help but think back to those "No Colored

Allowed" signs found until just over 50 years ago in the southern U.S. Has Pence learned nothing from history?

Incidentally, if I came across any store that had any sign that said anyone was not welcome, I'd probably suffer an anger-induced bout of dyslexia and read it as, "Please throw rocks at our window."

The backlash to the law was refreshingly harsh: Connecticut announced a boycott of Indiana, the band Wilco cancelled a concert there and large business deals that involved the state were put on hold.

I couldn't help but laugh when during an interview with George Stephanopoulos, Pence called this backlash "intolerant." Yes, Mike, people are intolerant of intolerance, and thank God for that. On Tuesday, Pence announced that he'd be amending the bill

to make it clear that this law was not meant to condone discrimination against the LGBTQ community.

I believe in religious freedoms and liberties. Like how the Federal Court of Canada ruled it was unlawful to force a Muslim woman, Zunera Ishaq, to remove her niqab at her citizenship ceremony. She has every right to practise her religion. But if Ishaq owned a business and refused to serve me because I was not wearing a niqab? Well, that wouldn't be cool.

While I'm glad Pence has chosen to clarify this bill, I'm sad that there's even a bill like this that needs clarifying.

**Rebecca Kohler** is a stand-up comic, writer, actor, gymnast, lawyer and chemist. (Some of this isn't true.) Follow her on Twitter @becca\_kohler

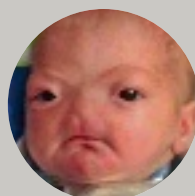
## Happy face/Sad face

From **miracle babies** to **corporate tomfoolery**, Metro weighs in on the news that made headlines this week:



### 911 is not a joke

This is not an emergency. We repeat, this is not an emergency. Police in Idaho say a man who called 911 a dozen times complaining about his bar bill is facing a \$1,000 fine and up to a year of jail time. The man allegedly made the calls after police gave him a ride home when he got kicked out of Club Tequila. The bar produced a receipt showing he was charged \$30 for the 10 beers he apparently ordered.



### One in 97 million

Among all the amazing babies that came into the world recently, this adorable little guy deserves a special mention. Timothy Eli Thompson was born without a nose, and guess what? He's doing just fine, having left the hospital this week. In his brief time on planet Earth, he's already made 20,000 friends via his Facebook page. Best wishes to him and his family.



### Bad news for bears

In some super-bummer news, a study published this week says polar bears forced onto land due to melting ice probably won't find enough food to replace their diet of delicious seals. Apparently the berries, eggs and birds they find on the mainland are no caloric substitute for mammals weighing 150 to 300 pounds each, mostly blubber. The bears love the cute little guys as much as Paul McCartney does.



### Rascals!

Nothing like a little sky-larking. On April 1, the always hilarious Micro-soft launched MS-DOS as a mobile OS, those yucksters at CERN confirmed the existence of the Force, billionaire Lululemon founder and noted comic Chip Wilson posted a building permit for his future helicopter landing pad and uproarious pranksters Netflix launched a PSA on binge-watching. To these, and all the other fools in the world, thank you for the fandango.

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# Franchise holds Fast to formula

FURIOUS 7

**Star Vin Diesel says this is the biggest F&F film ever**

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**Richard Crouse**



Furious 7 has already generated its share of column inches from entertainment journalists. The cast has spent the last few weeks doing the junket rounds, talking to everyone with a microphone or a notepad, generating sound bites and stories that have fed newspapers, websites and television shows.

Star Michelle Rodriguez, who plays Letty Ortiz, spoke of getting “pretty crazy” after co-star Paul Walker’s death. “I was pushing myself to feel,” she said by way of explanation of some of her tabloid-level behaviour in the last year.

Ludacris, who has played technical expert Tej Parker in four F&F films, told the Today Show, “We’re about to make history as the most successful franchise of all time.”

Vin Diesel has talked about naming his daughter after his friend and co-star Walker — “There’s no other person that I was thinking about as I was cutting this umbilical cord” — and made grand pronouncements about the



Tyrese Gibson, left, Michelle Rodriguez, Paul Walker, and Chris Ludacris in a scene from Furious 7. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

quality of his film.

“Universal is going to have the biggest movie in history with this movie,” Diesel said, likely sounding as though he’s dragging every word through sandpaper. “It will probably win best picture at the Oscars, unless the Oscars don’t want to be relevant ever.”

He’s likely only half wrong. In 2011 he made a similar award season prediction about Fast 5 and while that didn’t pan out, the movie made a fortune, grossing north of \$600 million worldwide.

He’s right to say that the new film will surely put the pedal to the metal and sell a

## MOVIE RATINGS by Richard Crouse

**While We’re Young** ★★★★★  
**Woman in Gold** ★★★  
**Last Knights** ★★

**HOW RATING WORKS**  
 ★★★★★ SEE IT  
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 ★ SKIP IT

lot of popcorn. Despite so-so reviews, the Fast and Furious franchise has an EZ Pass to

the box office fast lane, grossing two billion plus dollars since racing into theatres

in 2001.

“Just because they are for the working class doesn’t mean they’re not great,” Diesel said.

F&F fans enjoy the formula, which can be broken down to essentially this: Swagger interrupted by a snappy one-liner, a wild car chase, a fight scene. Repeat.

The movies aren’t Kierkegaard, and that’s one of the reasons they haven’t run out of gas yet. Over seven entries, they’ve remained loud and proud, lowbrow and unashamed. They’re a wild celebration of muscle cars, muscle shirts and muscle heads.

Like an engorged Hot Wheels set, the films are playthings for the directors — there have been four over the run of the series — who toe the company line time after time offering up a car-crushing stew where sophisticated line readings and nuanced storytelling take a backseat to frenetic editing and in-your-face explosive action. They exist in a world where people only drink Budweiser and bastardizations like Bud Lime don’t exist. That purity of vision is the beauty of the series.

Despite the loss of Walker, you can bet Furious 7 won’t be the last movie in the series.

As long as the formula works and the money continues to come in fast and furious, Diesel and company won’t put these films in the rear-view mirror.



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Helen Mirren plays the real-life Maria Altmann in *Woman in Gold*. CONTRIBUTED/ALLIANCE

# For director, Helen Mirren is a woman as good as gold

## WOMAN IN GOLD

**Simon Curtis says the actress was a crucial part of new film**



**Richard Crouse**  
Metro | Canada

*Woman in Gold* is director Simon Curtis's followup to the Academy Award-nominated *My Week with Marilyn*, which chronicled seven days in the life of Marilyn Monroe during production of the 1957 film *The Prince and the Showgirl*.

In the new movie, Dame

Helen Mirren plays Maria Altmann, a Jewish refugee of the Second World War who flees Austria to settle in the U.S. She enlists the help of young lawyer Randol Schoenberg (Ryan Reynolds) to help reclaim five Gustav Klimt paintings, including one of her aunt, *Portrait of Adele Bloch-Bauer I*.

Looted by Nazis at the outset of the war, the iconic artwork (referred to as the "Mona Lisa of Austria" in the film) hung in the state gallery for five decades. The case wound its way for years through the courts, until it reached the U.S. Supreme Court and then binding arbitration by a panel of three Austrian judges.

He spent a week with Marilyn, the director teases, but years with Maria.

The story first grabbed his interest when he saw a BBC Imagine documentary on her struggle to reclaim artworks that were rightfully hers. He was taken with the character of Maria, who reminded him of many people he grew up with. "I'm from a Jewish family in London," he says, "and I met many women like Maria."

The resulting film plays like two thrillers — the present day legal story and the backstory — told in flashbacks.

One is a procedural, one a horrifying look at the rise of Nazism in Austria, mixed and matched to form a whole. But *Woman in Gold* isn't strictly a movie about a lawsuit or Holocaust horror, it's really a story about the power of memories and heritage.

Curtis says the casting of Mirren was crucial to the success of the film. He needed an actress of a certain age and one who could portray the emotional range of a woman trapped between her real world pain and the memories she holds dear. On Mirren's face is the story, a vision of loss and anguish, but tempered with a tale of determination.

Curtis first met Mirren almost thirty years ago when he assistant directed a production of *Measure for Measure* in 1979. He remembers her as a formidable force and jokingly calls himself "her tea boy."

"I sat with her in the kitchen and helped her answer fan mail and boiled water for tea," he says. "I did essentially the same job on this film."

## SAM HEUGHAN

# From Batman to the 18th-century

Sam Heughan has become something of a heartthrob playing a fiery 18th-century Scottish warrior married to a Second World War combat nurse who mysteriously transported back in time in the sci-fi romance *Outlander*.

The show, which returns to Showcase for its midseason premiere on Sunday, has developed a rabid fan base with as many as five million Americans tuning in to catch Heughan and his kilt each week. The British Film Institute even reports that the show's popularity has inspired a tourism boom in Scotland.

On Heughan's recent trip to Toronto, fans lined up in the cold to catch a glimpse of the handsome 6 feet 2½ inches tall actor. "They were there," he says, "waving flags and supporting us. It is fantastic."

He says "that sort of thing is very new to me," although a recent trip to Comic Con was met with much excitement and on a stopover in Los Angeles, he was recognized for his work on the show.

"On the whole, it is very genuine," he says, "very friendly. They

just sort of sidle up next to you and whisper, 'I really enjoy the show. I'm a big fan,' and they'll leave you to do your thing."

Heughan trained at the prestigious Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama but says before signing on to do *Outlander* he was a "jobbing actor. I had done a lot of theatre and period drama in the U.K." He cites one strange acting gig in particular, playing the lead role in a touring production of *Batman Live*, as a real confidence builder.

"A terrific job," he says. "So different than anything I had done before — doing acrobatics, flying across stadiums over thousands of people. It did give me a lot of confidence to stand in front of twenty- or thirty-thousand people and have to fight 30 henchmen every night."

"I'll always remember the first entrance as Batman, flying 200 feet across the auditorium with people below and you're looking down at them thinking, 'This is something else.' They don't teach that in acting school."

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Sam Heughan stars in the sci-fi romance *Outlander*. CONTRIBUTED

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# Now playing



## ACTION Furious 7

**Director:** James Wan  
**Starring:** Vin Diesel, Paul Walker

Continuing the global exploits in the unstoppable franchise built on speed, Vin Diesel, Paul Walker and Dwayne Johnson lead the returning cast of Fast & Furious 7.

### ROTTEN TOMATOES™ SCORE

Critics: 86% Audience: 98%



## DRAMA Woman in Gold

**Director:** Simon Curtis  
**Starring:** Helen Mirren, Ryan Reynolds

The remarkable true story of one woman's journey to reclaim her heritage. Sixty years after she fled Vienna during the Second World War, an elderly Jewish woman starts her journey to retrieve family possessions seized by the Nazis.

### ROTTEN TOMATOES™ SCORE

Critics: 40% Audience: 90%



## DRAMA-COMEDY Danny Collins

**Director:** Dan Fogelman  
**Starring:** Al Pacino, Annette Bening

Al Pacino stars as aging 1970s rocker Danny Collins, who can't give up his hard-living ways. But when his manager uncovers a 40-year-old undelivered letter written to him by John Lennon, he decides to change course and embarks on a heartfelt journey to begin a second act.

### ROTTEN TOMATOES™ SCORE

Critics: 72% Audience: 70%



## DRAMA Kumiko, The Treasure Hunter

**Director:** David Zellner  
**Starring:** Rinko Kikuchi

In this darkly comedic odyssey, Academy Award nominee Rinko Kikuchi stars as Kumiko, a frustrated office worker whose imagination transcends the confines of her mundane life.

### ROTTEN TOMATOES™ SCORE

Critics: 88% Audience: 73%



## ROMANCE Pretend We're Kissing

**Director:** Matt Sadowski  
**Starring:** Zöe Kravitz

All Benny wants to do is be more confident, stop thinking so much and fall in love. When he has a chance encounter with Jordan, a woman obsessed with the notion of fate and a magical kind of love, he may finally have the opportunity.

### ROTTEN TOMATOES™ SCORE

Critics: NOT YET REVIEWED Audience: NOT YET REVIEWED



## COMEDY Get Hard

**Director:** Etan Cohen  
**Starring:** Will Ferrell, Kevin Hart

Will Ferrell and Kevin Hart headline this Warner Bros. comedy about a wrongfully convicted investment banker who prepares for prison life with the help of the man who washes his car. Etan Cohen directs, with Ian Roberts and Jay Martel handling screenwriting duties.

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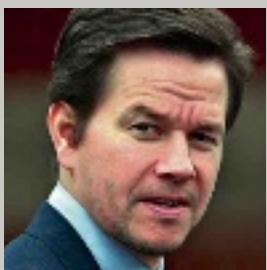
**Wahlberg to produce movie about Boston marathon bombing**

CBS Films says Mark Wahlberg is set to produce Patriots' Day, a feature film about the 2013 Boston Marathon bombing based on Boston Police Commissioner Ed Davis's first-hand account.

Matt Charman (Bridge of Spies) is writing the screenplay, which will span the five-day investigation and hunt to apprehend the suspects: Tamerlan Tsarnaev, who died in a shootout days after the bombing, and his brother Dzhokhar Tsarnaev.

The April 2013 attack killed three people and injured more than 260.

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Mark Wahlberg AFP

# Not another rom com

## CANADIAN FILM

## Character study 10 years in the making

**Steve Gow**  
For Metro

There's a reason why the creators behind Pretend We're Kissing are insisting the movie not be labelled a romantic comedy.

"They're considered second-rate films for the most part," said star Dov Tiefenbach during a recent interview to promote the Canadian film. "They're kind of considered date flicks or chick flicks, which is even derogatory — like chicks like bad movies. That's kind of sexist, I think."

In truth, however, the "non-rom com" from Toronto-playwright/actor-turned-director Matt Sadowski is reminiscent of such iconic romance films as Annie Hall or the Before Sunrise trilogy. A casual character study, it follows the fleeting fireworks that spark between a



Dov Tiefenbach and Tommie-Amber Pirie star in Pretend We're Kissing. ERIN SIMKIN/CONTRIBUTED

bashful would-be drummer (Tiefenbach) and a breezy beauty (Tommie-Amber Pirie of TV's Bitten) seeking a magical connection.

"It changed a lot," admitted Sadowski of the story he crafted a decade ago while cast as one of the costumed characters on cult-hit superhero show Power

Rangers S.P.D. "Not to shake a stick at Power Rangers but coming from being a rising writer in the city of Toronto, and then going to do Power Rangers, I felt like I needed to do something more artistic. So I was like, I'm going to write a script, and this was the script."

Sadowski couldn't have pre-

dicted it would take 10 years to complete the film (which premiered across Canada on Wednesday) and, in fact, during that lengthy process, he even made another film just to keep motivated: the acclaimed documentary Don't You Forget About Me, an ode to legendary filmmaker John Hughes (The

Breakfast Club).

While Pretend We're Kissing is certainly a long cry from a Hughes-like '80s teen comedy, it was an experience that taught Sadowski one thing.

"What I took from finding out about (Hughes) was he really just made films that he wanted to make," said Sadowski. "And I've got to say, more so than anything I've ever done, I'm most proud of this, and I hope people like it. But I like it — and that's the most important thing."



**I don't think it tarnishes my name at all. If anything, it's put me in front of an audience and created a bit of a fan base.**

Director Matt Sadowski on his time acting in Power Rangers



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HEALTH

## Avril Lavigne says she has Lyme disease



Ned Ehrbar

OK, I officially feel bad about all the Nickelback jokes. Avril Lavigne has announced that she's been suffering from Lyme disease since October. "I had no idea a bug bite could do this," Lavigne tells



People magazine. "I was bedridden for five months. I felt like I couldn't breathe, I couldn't talk and I couldn't move. I thought I was dying."

But don't worry, Lavigne says she's now "80 per cent" better and has a new outlook on life.

"This was a wake-up call," she says. "I really just want to enjoy life from here on out."

She's been recuperating at her home in Ontario with the help of her mom and her husband, Nickelback front man Chad Kroeger.

The tick-borne disease has symptoms including fever, headache and fatigue.

# Singer Joni Mitchell hospitalized in L.A.



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BEL AIR

## Folk legend was found unconscious in her home

Joni Mitchell was in intensive care in a Los Angeles-area hospital on Tuesday, according to the Twitter account and website of the folk singer and Rock and Roll Hall of Famer.

"Joni was found unconscious in her home this afternoon," said a statement on the Mitchell website. "She is currently in intensive care undergoing tests and is awake and in good spirits."

It wasn't immediately clear what illness she had.

Los Angeles fire officials said paramedics answered an afternoon 911 call in Bel Air, where Mitchell lives, and took a patient to the hospital. But they could not verify her identity or

give details on her condition.

The 71-year-old singer-songwriter told Billboard magazine in December that she has a rare skin condition, Morgellons disease, which prevents her from performing. Still, she released a career-spanning four-disc box set last year and appeared at Clive Davis' annual pre-Grammy party in February.

Mitchell has received eight Grammy Awards, including a lifetime achievement award in 2002. She was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1997.

Mitchell, who was born in Fort Macleod, Alta., is also a member of the Canadian Music Hall of Fame and the Canadian Songwriters Hall of Fame.

She started her career as a street musician before moving to Southern California, where she became part of the flourishing folk scene in the late 1960s.

Mitchell has released 19 original albums, the most recent in 2007. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

THE DAILY SHOW

## Aasif Mandvi stands up for Trevor Noah

Longtime Daily Show correspondent Aasif Mandvi says he doesn't understand the recent fuss about future host Trevor Noah's Twitter account.

"I think it's much ado about nothing," said Mandvi while speaking as part of the LinkedIn Discussion Series at the company's New York headquarters on Tuesday. "The guy made some off-colour, irresponsible tweets, but he was trying to be funny."

As for fans of the show who were hoping that Mandvi himself would be tapped to fill Jon Stewart's shoes: The 49-year-old actor insists that he never wanted the job.

"I think they wanted someone who was a new fresh face," he added. "I don't know Trevor, I've met him a couple of times and he seems like a nice guy. I trust Jon Stewart and Jon seems to want him."

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METHOD ACTING

## Jamie Dornan walks the stalk

Fifty Shades of Grey star Jamie Dornan is quickly learning that there are some things better kept to yourself during interviews. Like the fact that while prepping for his role as a creepy serial killer in BBC series The Fall, he got some hands-on experience in stalking. "The first (season), I did a couple of things to try and get inside (my character's head)," he tells the Los Angeles Times.

"I did ... can I get arrested for this? Hold on ... this is a really bad reveal — I like, followed a

woman off the train one day to see what it felt like to pursue someone like that. I really kept my distance and I was aware, it was kind of half-hearted, 'cause I was going like, 'If she turns around, is she going to notice?' She got off a few stops earlier than I was planning so I was like, 'All right, I'll have to commit to this here.'"

He then followed her several blocks, which is certainly not creepy at all, right?

"It felt kind of, like, exciting in a really, like, sort of dirty way

and I'm sort of not proud of myself. But I do honestly think I learned something from it, you know, just 'cause I obviously have never done anything like that in my life, so it was intriguing and interesting to sort of enter that process of like, what are you following her for and what are you trying to find out?"

So would you mind terribly if you turned around to discover Jamie Dornan was following you home? I mean, for purely professional reasons?

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# Mirroring the neighbourhood

CONDOMINIUMS

Unique designs pay homage to history of building sites

Megan Haynes

For Metro

When Roland Rom Colthoff, director of Toronto-based architecture firm RAW Design, was asked to work on a midrise condo near Halifax's port, his team noticed the neighbourhood was replete with shipping containers. So they incorporated the containers into the building's design.

**Shipping containers**

The shipping containers (visible on the side of the building) celebrate, rather than conceal, the industrial heritage of the neighbourhood, he says.

"We didn't want to say 'Oh, don't worry, it's industrial, but you'll have a lovely house,'" he adds. "We wanted to say, 'It's industrial and you'll have a great place to live and show off your pride as a Haligonian.' (Condo buyers) can say 'I'm part of the port. I'm part of the community.'" The 142-unit building, expected March 2016, has sold out.

Southport is one of a number of new or recently built midrise buildings across Canada that pay homage in a unique way to the space on which they have been built, in a bid by architects and developers to create a sense of community among residents, and stand out in a crowded market.

Just look at Vancouver's King Edward Green development, which incorporates the famed Hobbit House (a picturesque fairy-tale house built in 1942) into its two-building midrise. Developer David Mooney says when a site has so much character,

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It shows we care about history and our heritage

David Mooney



The Stradbrook in Winnipeg is wrapped in glass shingles to reflect the surrounding wood-shingled houses. CONTRIBUTED



Shipping containers are incorporated in the design of the Southport midrise condo in Halifax. CONTRIBUTED



All units of the Tree House in Toronto face the courtyard to encourage interaction with neighbours. CONTRIBUTED

builders simply “have to find a way to preserve it. It shows we care about history and our heritage.”

**Glass shingles**

That's not to say a condo has to conform to its historical roots to be a contextual fit for a neighbourhood, says Sasa Radulovic, founding principal and architect at Winnipeg-based 5468796 Architecture. He points to the Stradbrook midrise in Winnipeg that he and his firm worked on. Surrounded by historic wood-shingled houses, Stradbrook is wrapped in glass shingles, paying homage to its neighbours in a modern way. It creates a mirrored panelling, letting the building literally reflect its surroundings. Another 5468796 unit in Toronto features zig-zagged townhouses, meant to mirror the neighbouring suburb that, when viewed from above, looks staggered like a staircase. At the Tree House development (currently in pre-sales), all the units face the courtyard, which is meant to encourage neighbours to interact, he adds.

Condo buildings are not isolated, adds Tudor Radulescu, architect and principal at Montreal-based Kanva. Buildings (and their inhabitants) are part of neighbourhoods, and they have to be woven into the urban fabric, rather than work against it.

**Perforated steel**

He points to a project completed in 2012 in a former Montreal industrial neighbourhood, which used to specialize in steel manufacturing. To pay tribute to that heritage, and to the two-storey building's recent life as a movie and TV studio, the architects wrapped the four-storey extension in perforated steel, to give the building the illusion of a curtain.

Effectively, it fits and it's nice to live somewhere that fits, he says.

"People are realizing they can buy a condo and it doesn't have to be an anonymous 40-storey tower where you (only meet neighbours) when taking the elevator," says Rom Colthoff. "They don't want to buy square footage. They want to buy into a community."





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# Store it with style

## DESIGN CENTRE

**Karl  
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The time for spring cleaning and organizing is upon us. Like me, you may have accumulated more than you thought over the long winter months. Here are some fashionable and useful ways to store treasures in style.

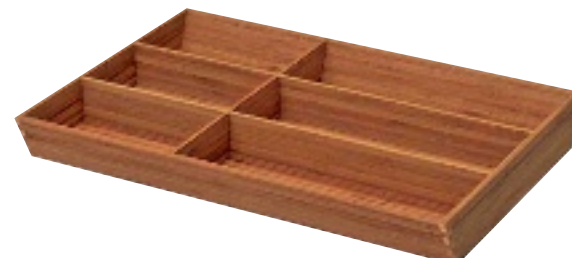


### In the clear

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### A natural touch

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### Maximize your closet

Keep it organized in those condo dens with an instant closet organizer. Nebula by Bestar 80" storage cabinet, \$920, Walmart.ca



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# Six simple tips for selling your stuff

## SPRING CLEANING

### Make money off your unwanted items on eBay

**Andrea Park**  
For Metro

Spring is finally here (supposedly), so it's time to clear the clutter. It's not easy to throw away things you paid a pretty penny for, but you don't have to toss everything in the dumpster.

Suzanne Wells, author of the blog eBay Selling Coach, started her selling career after she got divorced and lost her job in 2003; she started selling kitchen and home items, children's clothes and toys.

Now, she's a top seller on eBay and supports her family with the money she makes. Wells shared her tips on how beginners can turn their trash into treasure.

#### Don't throw out your broken goods

"There's a lot of repurposing," says Wells. "Things that are broken or vintage that don't look so great can be refinished or redone in such a way that is desirable."

And Wells advises dividing and conquering. She gave one shocking example about Keurig coffee makers. "The water tank itself will sell for \$20; the lid to the water tank will sell for \$10 and the carousel stand that holds the coffee can sell for \$30," says Wells.

#### Check completed listings to set a price

Wells says not to base your price on current listings, but completed listings, so you can see the price at which similar items sold.

#### Use the "Buy It Now" option

Auctions are the way to go if you want to get rid of something fast, but Wells says you'll get the most money if you select the "Buy It Now" with a "Best Offer" option.

Not only will you have the benefit of having your listing up for a longer period of time, ensuring you get more eyeballs on your item than in the seven-day time frame of auction listings, but you will also have your item show up on Google when you have a 30-day "Buy It Now" listing.

#### Use the "Best Offer" option

Wells says the "Best Offer" option is like a "reverse auction" because it gives wiggle room for buyers to haggle. "Price your item 20 per cent more if you're putting in Best Offer;



What you consider trash may be someone's treasure on eBay.

there are a lot of people where negotiating is part of how they buy things, and if you don't have Best Offer, they may not want to buy anything from you at all."

#### Take great photos

Present things in the best light.

"eBay estimates that 25 to 40 per cent of sales are made on mobile devices. If the picture is not clear or it's not cropped in tightly, it's hard to see and mobile buyers are impatient. They don't want to zoom in and try to see what you're selling."

#### Choose your words wisely

Two things to keep in mind when writing your listing title and description: use words that describe the item, and use keywords buyers may be using in search terms. "They say the first six words are most important," she says.

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## Young Jays nudged out of the nest

### 2015 SEASON PREVIEW

#### Inexperienced arms will shoulder plenty of responsibility

The Blue Jays opened spring training with a roster full of question marks.

"As strong as we are and as good as we feel about this team, there's some questions that need to be answered in spring training," Toronto manager John Gibbons said.

More than five weeks later, they come north with answers. Fans are about to find out if Gibbons and general manager Alex Anthopoulos ticked the right boxes.

The 2015 Blue Jays showcase some key veteran additions in catcher Russell Martin, third baseman Josh Donaldson and (currently injured) outfielder Michael Saunders — and a whole lot of youth.

The starting rotation includes Aaron Sanchez (22) and Daniel Norris (21) while the bullpen could feature 20-year-olds Miguel Castro and Roberto Osuna. Devon Travis, 23, starts at second base while Dalton Pompey (22) patrols centre field.

Drew Hutchison, 24, will open the season on the mound for the Jays in his 44th career start.

Sanchez has 24 games of big-

league experience, Pompey 17 and Norris five. Castro, Osuna and Travis are true rookies.

Castro is a six-foot-five Dominican flame-thrower who has not pitched above Class-A ball. But the Jays organization loves his ability to find the strike zone at pace — Anthopoulos said the first time he saw Castro pitch in Vancouver, he thought the speed gun was stuck at 98 m.p.h.

Mexico's Osuna also has Jays officials enthusing.

The 25-man roster is not set in stone. The Jays have said they are still mulling over the merits of a seven- or eight-man bullpen. Should they decide on seven, infielder Ryan Goins is likely to be the benefactor, although that decision may not be made for some weeks.

The Jays kick off the season Monday in New York against the Yankees. Five games and a stop in Baltimore later, they host the Tampa Bay Rays. The April 13 home opener is the first of 10 games in 11 days at the Rogers Centre.

Hutchison, Sanchez and Norris will be joined in the starting rotation by veterans R.A. Dickey and Mark Buehrle.

While right-fielder Jose Bautista continues to be king of the Jays castle, the clubhouse seemed more accessible this spring with



Blue Jays manager John Gibbons watches Miguel Castro, the heat-throwing Dominican 20-year-old set to come out of Toronto's bullpen this season. NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

the arrival of the affable Martin. The \$82-million US catcher chatted in English and French, openly discussed the challenges of catching Dickey's knuckleball and even showed off his many gloves.

When Bautista looked around the room early in pre-

season, he saw a group that was "maybe an uptick or two more competitive than some guys that have been here in the past."

Bautista, 34, likes teammates who wear their hearts on their sleeve. A fierce competitor, he knows time is running out.

"The personal success has been great in the last five or six years but you crave to win," he

said. "I've never experienced it but I guarantee you it's a better feeling sacrificing some personal success for some team success. I just haven't been in that position ever before but I would make that trade any day."

This season marks the swan song of president and CEO Paul Beeston, the franchise's first employee. The future of Anthopoulos and Gibbons will likely also be decided in 2015 as the Jays, third in the AL East with an 83-79 record last season, look to reach the promised land of the playoffs. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

### + 2015 STARTERS

#### Aaron Sanchez RHP

Age: 22  
MLB games started: 0  
MLB innings pitched: 33.0  
MLB ERA: 1.09



#### Daniel Norris LHP

Age: 21  
MLB games started: 1  
MLB innings pitched: 6.2  
MLB ERA: 5.40



#### Drew Hutchison RHP

Age: 24  
MLB games started: 43  
MLB innings pitched: 243.1  
MLB ERA: 4.51



#### R.A. Dickey RHP

Age: 40  
MLB games started: 207  
MLB innings pitched: 1,499.2  
MLB ERA: 3.98



#### Mark Buehrle LHP

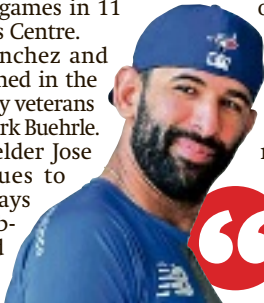
Age: 36  
MLB games started: 461  
MLB innings pitched: 3,084.2  
MLB ERA: 3.81



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## 1993

According to Sportsnet Stats, Miguel Castro and Roberto Osuna could become the first Blue Jays born after Toronto's last World Series win in 1993.



**The personal success has been great in the last five or six years, but you crave to win.**

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# Adapting to one-and-dones



Jahliil Okafor is one of three Duke freshmen who could make the leap to the NBA after this season. GRANT HALVERSON/GETTY IMAGES

## NCAA BASKETBALL

### Duke's Coach K has fostered five freshman departures

There was a time when Duke's Mike Krzyzewski led Final Four teams built around players who stayed for years to grow into tournament-tested veterans.

No longer, not in today's one-and-done world in which top players rarely stick around long.

The Blue Devils enter this week's Final Four relying on more freshman starters than John Calipari at Kentucky's NBA factory. The Blue Devils have three freshmen players who face stay-or-go decisions after the season.

"What Coach K has done in my judgment, and I think Calipari has done the same thing, they've adapted to the landscape, and they are dealing with it in a positive way," said Jay Bilas, an ESPN analyst who played on Krzyzewski's first Final Four team in 1986.

"Now people want to use value judgments to it and say, 'This is not the way it's supposed to be' and 'This is antithetical to college.' Well, says who?"

Krzyzewski, the Hall of Famer in his 35th season at Duke and the winningest coach in men's Division I history with 1,016 wins, didn't have a player go pro early for nearly two decades.

Then in 1999, two Blue Devils bolted early: Elton Brand opted to enter the draft after his sophomore season and freshman Corey Maggette became Krzyzewski's first of five one-

## + FINAL FOUR MATCHUPS

**Duke (33-4) vs. Michigan State (27-11)**  
Saturday at 6:09 p.m. ET

Michigan State (7), the only remaining team that wasn't seeded first in its region, looks for another upset.

**Kentucky (38-0) vs. Wisconsin (35-3)**  
Saturday at 8:49 p.m. ET

The Badgers match up well against the undefeated Wildcats, averaging nearly three fewer turnovers per game and shooting slightly better from three-point range.

and-done players.

It took five years for Luol Deng to become the next one, but Duke has now had three in four seasons: No. 1 overall pick Kyrie Irving in 2011, Austin Rivers in 2012 and Jabari Parker last year.

**There's not one negative thing about a young person going to college for any amount of time. Not one negative thing.**

ESPN analyst Jay Bilas

It's forced the 68-year-old Krzyzewski to adjust his approach compared to the days when Christian Laettner, Bobby Hurley and Grant Hill were four-year guys or even when Jay Williams, Carlos Boozer and Mike Dunleavy stayed for three.

"It actually starts before they get here," Krzyzewski said. "We try

with the kids, especially if they commit early, to develop even a deeper relationship with them than we did 10 years ago. You had time (then). You want to know them even better because you're only going to have them for a shorter period of time."

Duke (33-4) is built around star freshman big man Jahliil Okafor, a possible No. 1 overall pick who chose Duke jointly with point guard Tyus Jones. Forward Justise Winslow is the other every-game freshman starter.

Their arrival comes a year after Parker arrived as an all but certain one-year player.

The reality is it isn't all that different — except maybe for the smaller numbers — than what Kentucky's Calipari often is criticized for doing with his "succeed and proceed" approach, a response to the NBA's requirement for players to be at least one year out of high school before entering the draft.

As Bilas sums it up, Krzyzewski "has been playing against these players, and if some of them want to come to Duke, why not take them?"

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Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski

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## COURT

### Man shot in face by Hernandez testifies

A man who sued Aaron Hernandez over being shot in the face in Florida took the stand in the former New England Patriots player's murder trial.

But prosecutors were not allowed to ask Alexander Bradley about the shooting, which happened a few months before the June 2013 killing of Odin Lloyd. The defense tried unsuccessfully to block Bradley's testimony.

Bradley said Wednesday, outside the presence of the jury,

that Hernandez often said helicopters and police were following him, but the judge ruled that Bradley could not testify about that.

Instead, Bradley was allowed to tell jurors about how Hernandez had said he had a difficult time trusting people, including his friends.

Hernandez has pleaded not guilty in the June 2013 killing of Odin Lloyd, who was dating the sister of Hernandez's fiancée. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## IN BRIEF

### Four-team women's hockey league to begin in October

A new women's hockey league promises to pay its players and reveal the source of the money soon.

The projected salary cap of \$270,000 US per team works out to an average of \$15,000 per player.

The National Women's Hockey League, which is scheduled to begin play in October, will consist of the Buffalo Beauts, Boston Pride, New York Riveters and Connecticut Whale.

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### Cross-check could lead to suspension for Byfuglien

The Winnipeg Jets may be without defenceman Dustin Byfuglien for key games in their drive for the playoffs.

Byfuglien is facing a suspension of up to five games after delivering a vicious cross-check to the back of New York Rangers centre J.T. Miller on Tuesday night.

Byfuglien will have a phone hearing with the NHL's Player Safety department on Thursday.

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## INDIANA

### Final Four to receive a boost in security

Indianapolis will increase police presence downtown during this weekend's Final Four amid protests over a new state law that critics say could allow discrimination against gays and lesbians.

Department of Public Safety spokesman Al Larsen said Wednesday that the city will have a "noticeably higher" police presence and will designate an area immediately south of Lucas Oil Stadium for protesters to gather.

The measure signed last week

## + NEW LAW

Critics contend the new law is designed to shield businesses and individuals who don't want to serve gays and lesbians.

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## RECIPE Portobello Pitas with Red Bell Pepper Hummus and Goat Cheese



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#### Ready in

Prep time: 12  
Cook time: 12

#### Directions

**1.** To make the filling: On either a barbecue or a non-stick grill pan sprayed with cooking spray, grill the mushrooms over medium-high heat for 12 minutes, turning halfway or until tender and grill marked. Spray the mushrooms with vegetable spray if they look dry. Slice into thick slices.

**2.** To make the hummus: In the bowl of a small food processor, combine the chickpeas, roasted red pepper, tahini, lemon juice, olive oil, water, garlic and chili sauce. Purée until smooth. Garnish with parsley.

**3.** Spread the inside of the pita halves with the hummus. Place half of the mushroom slices in

each pita, sprinkle with cheese, and garnish with lettuce, tomatoes and onions.

#### Ingredients

• 3 large portobello mushroom caps, wiped (stems removed)

¾ cup Red Bell Pepper Hummus:

- ½ cup canned chickpeas, drained and rinsed
- ¼ cup roasted red pepper (about ½ small roasted red pepper)
- 1½ tbsp tahini (sesame seed paste)
- 1 tbsp lemon juice
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 2 tsp water
- ½ tsp finely chopped garlic
- ½ tsp hot chili sauce
- 2 tbsp chopped parsley for garnish

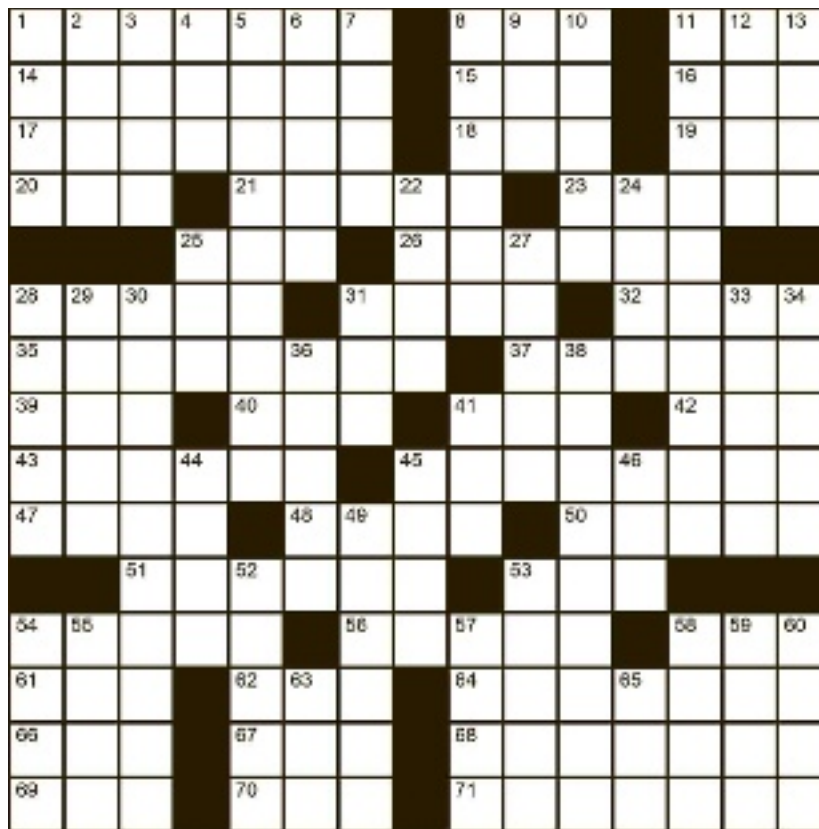
#### Wraps:

- 3 medium-sized pitas, sliced in half
- ½ cup crumbled goat cheese (2 oz)
- lettuce
- sliced tomatoes
- sliced onions

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Mr. Richards  
56. Certain ISP user  
58. Grand \_\_ (Wine designation)  
61. Cobbler's tool  
62. Gossip columnist Ms. Smith  
64. Baltimore \_\_ (MLB team)  
66. Address book no.

67. Yalie  
68. Painted-ceiling Chapel for Michelangelo  
69. Poet's 'before'  
70. Riddle-me-\_\_  
71. Body decorations

#### DOWN

1. Type size  
2. Hockey great

Mr. Cournoyer  
3. Fish kind  
4. Jackie O's hubby  
5. Consumes food, bunny rabbit style: 2 wds.  
6. "Scandal" star Ms. Washington  
7. On the Pacific  
8. Passover  
9. Mr. Reed

10. As per #8-Down... when The Four Questions are asked  
11. The \_\_ (Late-1490s masterpiece by Leonardo da Vinci)  
12. Unfeigned  
13. Red \_\_, Alberta  
22. Capricorn animal

24. Biblical mount  
25. Wife of Thor  
27. Whitesnake's "\_\_\_ Go Again"  
28. Janis Joplin's "Me and Bobby \_\_\_"  
29. Something strummed  
30. Alberta town which is home to the largest #1-Across in the world  
31. Paddle  
33. Horserider's hold-ees  
34. Grind teeth  
36. Pat Benatar's "\_\_\_ with Your Best Shot" (Trivia! It was written by Canadian musician Eddie Schwartz)  
38. Holy Communion  
41. Acidity measures, commonly  
44. Have \_\_ to pick  
45. Prefix that's 'Freezing'  
46. Round Table knight  
49. Santa Maria delle \_\_ (Milan church where the mural at #11-Down is located)  
52. Edmonton Oiler, e.g.  
53. Hair dye brand  
54. Ms. Hudson  
55. Spouted water container  
57. Confused  
58. Muse of history  
59. Vegas alternative  
60. Functions  
63. Island: French  
65. Baseball's Mel

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**Aries** March 21 - April 20  
The Sun's alliance with Jupiter today means you will come up with a solution to a problem before others even realize that a problem exists. It's an advantage, personally and professionally.

**Taurus** April 21 - May 21  
You will say the right thing in the right way today, especially when dealing with people in positions of power. However, you don't need to boast, they will learn over the next few days.

**Gemini** May 22 - June 21  
You will find it easy to convince others to agree with you over the next 24 hours, not because you are forceful but because you know what words push what buttons for maximum effect.

**Cancer** June 22 - July 23  
Something unexpected will happen today, something that comes at you out of the blue. It may be annoying if it disrupts your plans but you won't be negative about it for long.

**Leo** July 24 - Aug. 23  
You don't need to justify what you believe or what you are doing to anyone. Fortunately, with your ruler the Sun linked to Jupiter in your sign today no one will question you. They simply won't dare!

**Virgo** Aug. 24 - Sept. 23  
Don't wait for others to make decisions for you: make them yourself and, if anyone disapproves, so what? Anyone who thinks you can be intimidated is in for the shock of their lives.

**Libra** Sept. 24 - Oct. 23  
You may have no idea how you reach certain conclusions today but don't doubt them for a moment. Your mind is open on a much higher level now, insights are to be expected.

**Scorpio** Oct. 24 - Nov. 22  
If ever there was a right time to try something new that time is now. You are more adventurous than a lot of people give you credit for. Be bold.

**Sagittarius** Nov. 23 - Dec. 21  
Today's link between the Sun and your ruling planet Jupiter means you can get away with almost anything. No, that is not an invitation to break the law but you can push the boundaries a bit.

**Capricorn** Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

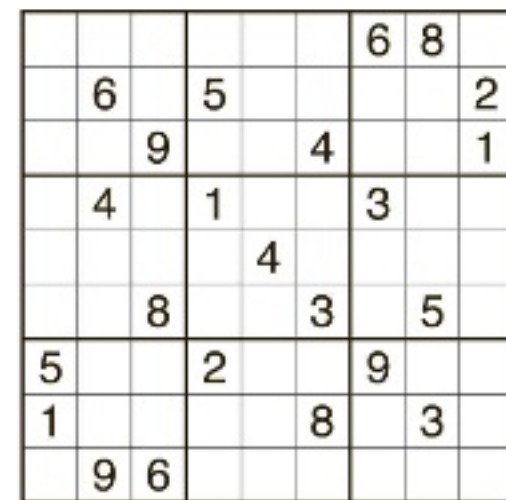
The more others say you should be careful the more determined you will be to take some kind of risk. Are you right or are they right? You will have fun finding out.

**Aquarius** Jan. 21 - Feb. 19  
Your confidence in your own abilities today will be on a different level than everyone else. The Sun's link with Jupiter means you no longer know what the word "cannot" means. You can do anything.

**Pisces** Feb. 20 - March 20  
If you are finding it hard to make up your mind about something then don't force it. Others may be pushing you to make a quick decision but only because it benefits them in some way

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